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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment The Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the office action dated October 29, 2007, the Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. This amendment is considered to place the application in better condition for allowance.

Also enclosed is the Request for Two-Month Extension, thereby extending the end date of the current term to March 31, 2008, accompanied by the authorization to charge the fee of \$460.00 to Deposit Account No. 12-0400.

No other fee is believed to be required, but, if this is not the case, please charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-0400.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendment to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following the last page of this paper.